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FCC Commission  
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Washington, DC

Dear FCC,

I am strongly opposed to the new regulations put forward by the FCC concerning the Internet. This is a proposal for an Internet for the 1%. The Internet has been a terrific source of innovation and equality for the average American and should not be a new rent seeking opportunity for International Corporation to get their boot on the neck of average Americans in one more arena. We paid for the creation of the Internet, subsidized its development and it is part of the commons.

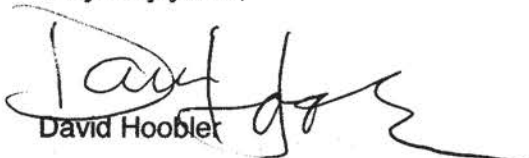
Better writers than myself have outlined the extensive pitfalls in these new regulations and so I will quote a few from the New York time editorial page:

"If a majority of the five-member commission approves the proposal next month, it will be open to public comment before being finalized later this year. If adopted, this measure would be a huge victory for phone and cable companies that have consistently argued that services like Google, which owns YouTube, that transmit a lot of data should pay fees for the use of broadband networks.

But the viability of those networks are based on decades of public investments in the Internet, the companies' use of public rights of way and, in the case of some companies, a long government-sanctioned monopoly over telephone service. Public interest groups like the American Civil Liberties Union and Public Knowledge oppose the creation of two-tiered Internet service because it offers no public benefit, but would squelch innovation."

The Internet needs to be reclassified as a utility, like water, power or telephone and regulated as such. It was that before your predecessor and should be again.

Very truly yours,

  
David Hoobler

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